

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 17, 2010
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved a tentative budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, August 17 at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

A hearing on the budget will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, before the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at which time a fiscal year budget will be approved.

The tentative budget projects operating revenues of \$31,507,080 for the Education Fund and the Operations and Maintenance Fund, an increase of \$59,130 over last year. The tentative budget represents the current and best judgment of the district administration relative to anticipated revenues for fiscal year 2011. It was based on information available at the time of publication August 6. If new information becomes available, changes will be made to the final budget on September 21.

A Capital Renewal Grant Application was approved for a new parking lot at Frontier Community College. The project cost is \$207,300, including contingency funds, a construction administration fee, and architect-engineer compensation. The project application will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board.

An affiliation agreement was approved with the Alka Family Chiropractic Center, Mt. Carmel, for the OCC Medical Office Assistant Program.

Bids totaling \$158,882.29 were awarded to five difference companies for Process Technology Equipment for Lincoln Trail College, and Energy Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Technology Equipment for Wabash Valley College. The equipment will be funded by a U.S. Department of Labor Grant and all bids are subject to approval by that agency.

The equipment purchases include a level and flow control learning system workstation, forklift, grid-tie system, acrylic heat exchanger, HVAC training system, hydraulic training system, knee mill, lathe, and surface grinder.

An open house will be held at the WVC Advanced Technology Center at 214 W. Third Street in Mt. Carmel, Thursday, August 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The following personnel were employed:

Lisa Maple, English Instructor.

Susan Renee Smith, Executive Assistant to the CEO, effective September 1.

Juanita Rae Medler, Clerk-Receptionist at FCC.

Loren Dave Wingert, Information Systems Technician for the Local Workforce Investment Area Board.

Rena Gower was employed as Director of the Learning Skills Center at LTC.

Meenakshi Kohli was employed as Physics/Math Instructor on a temporary contract for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The employment status of Gayle Zaring was changed from Administrative Assistant to Career Advisor at LTC.

The resignation of Dennis Shular was accepted as Information Systems Technician at FCC.

The retirement of George Woods was approved as Dean of Workforce Education, effective September 1. Mr. Woods has been employed by the IECC District for the past 34 years.

John Howard was appointed Interim Dean of Workforce Education, effective September 1.

Kimberly Stevens was approved for an extra-curricular assignment as Faculty Coordinator of Student Learning Assessment at Lincoln Trail College.

Jason Hortin was approved for an extra-curricular assignment as Faculty Coordinator of Student Learning Assessment at Olney Central College.

Final graduation information shows that a total of 1,736 students received degrees or certificates from one of IECC's four colleges or workforce education centers for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Final enrollment figures show a 1% increase district-wide during the 2010 summer term over the 2009 summer term.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 21, at 7 p.m., at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.